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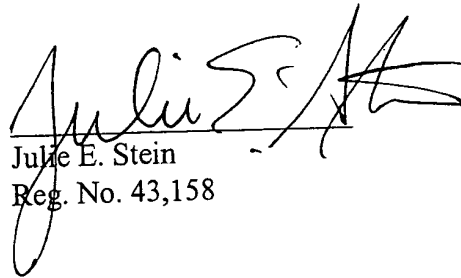
The references were cited on pages 1 and 8 of the specification in the present application. Copies of the references are enclosed.

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Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following publications:

1. U.S. Patent No. 4,980,061. This patent is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 198,647, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 788,137, which corresponds to Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 1987-95105. This is referred to on page 1, lines 20 and 21 of the specification.

2. PB Report 81-167215, "Development of Hollow Fiber Reverse Osmosis Membranes, D.K. Schiffer, et al., November 1980. This is referred to in the specification.

3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 1990-2842, with abstract. This is referred to in the specification.

4. Journal of Membrane Science, 45, (1989), pp. 225-245, "A Surface Science Investigation of Composite Membranes", Craig R. Bartels.

5. Journal of Membrane Science, 46, (1989), pp. 243-260, "Structure-Property Relationship in a Thin Film Composite-Reverse Osmosis Membrane", Samuel D. Arthur.

6. U.S. Patent No. 4,259,183.

7. U.S. Patent No. 4,277,344.

8. U.S. Patent No. 5,783,079.

9. The 1996 International Congress on Membranes and Membrane Processes, pages 190-191.

These publications are listed on the attached form PTO-1449 and copies are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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